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SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING.

A Good Dividend in Sight at the First National.

The directors of the First National bank received a very welcome communication this morning from Cashier Phillips, who announced the purpose of the semi-annual meeting June 3rd: "to determine what disposition to make of the undivided profits or earnings for the past six months." A seven or eight per cent semi-annual dividend is regarded by Vinita bank folks as "a good thing," and it is. But one of the principal Kansas City banks is said to have made thirty per cent, or over, on its capital stock last year. As an explanation it may be stated that the deposits of the bank in question run into seven figures. While the First National bank of this city does not earn half as much as the Kansas City concern, an idea of the popularity of its stock may be gathered from an incident which occurred within a month. One director offered another \$7,500 for \$5,000 of stock—the transaction having no relation to control, as both were small holders—and the offer was declined. When a gentleman who is "pretty much up to snuff" heard of the incident he ventured the information that in his opinion two very foolish gentlemen met in town that day. But he's in the mercantile business, where 15 per cent "aint much."

If there is a town in the Indian Territory that is not going to celebrate the fourth we fail to find it on the map.

The hop ale joints at Wagoner have closed up since the appellate court reversed Judge Springer in the Cohn case.

Joe Cobb and Clem Rogers are the favorites for the Downing nomination for the Cherokee senate from Cowwescowee district.

The hog law now in force will materially lessen the assessment of property for next year in Vinita. These streets used to be mighty fine hog range.

The Dawes commission have recently made a ruling which excludes from enrollment in the Choctaw nation all Choctaws who participated in the Cherokee strip payment.

The man who persists in carrying a knife up his sleeve for a chance to stab some one in the back, will never be able to strike a single blow. As soon as he is detected he will either run or drop his knife.

The Wichita liar has again spoke out after a partial silence of some weeks. He now has the Tennessee people shooting cyones with cannons. It said cannon would be trained on this Wichita correspondent 't would be consummation devoutly to be wished.

Judge Thomas will open an adjourned term of United States court at Muskogee next Monday for the trial of criminal cases. The grand jury will reassemble and indictments be returned against persons in jail held by the commission. The court will last some weeks.

The Nationals in Delaware district will perhaps nominate Tom Monroe for the senate on the west side. Ed Washbourne is favorably mentioned for the east side.

The Chieftain is still one of the solid institutions of Vinita, and will occupy a place on the "ground floor," when the city has many times its present population. It is perfectly willing to take its chances on its merits and will perhaps outlive and be a greater blessing to the town than some of its dissembling friends and politicians.

The man who insists that this country should be thrown open to the promiscuous sale of intoxicating liquors is inviting the greatest calamity that could possibly happen to it. It will indeed be a sad day for the Indian Territory when such a thing should occur. Let us hope that when a state constitution is formed that a strong and effective prohibition provision will be put into it.

The great need of a public school system that will include the rural districts of all this Indian country is so manifest that it is hoped that congress will make an appropriation for carrying out such a provision. The white children are not alone without the facilities of getting education. Most of the Indians in the country are entirely without the means of education. Let us have a school system that will include all classes and conditions in the territory.

It's not How Much, but Where.

"P. G. Browning was here Monday. With as much lumber as he has lying around loose there is no excuse for the gentleman not building a house and making his home at Vinita.—The Chieftain." Mr. Browning already has about \$3000 worth of lumber in a house in Seneca. How much more house does The Chieftain think Mr. Browning ought to have?—Seneca Dispatch.

Wants to Hunt Them.

Jim Cook, ex-bandit, has applied for a deputy marshalship in this district, and wants to go into active service hunting law-breakers. He says he knows where three ex-deputy marshals who used to hunt him in days past, are hiding out from the law, and he is anxious to catch and bring them to justice.

The whirligig of time brings wonderful changes and this is one of them, where a notorious bandit has reformed, and is anxious to bring offenders of law to justice. In the Fourteen mile creek fight Jim stood up with his brother Bill, Cherokee Bill and the rest of the gang, being wounded seven times, and his gun shot out of his hands. He ought to make a good marshal. Jim, of late, has been staying in Fort Gibson, and is well behaved.—Ft. Gibson Post.

A letter from Mr. Badgett this morning gives the information that Mrs. Badgett seems to be a little stronger than the previous day.

Wm. Thompson, charged with having something to do with the death of Clint Adams, at Chelsea last week, was discharged by the commissioner yesterday.

Rev. Thos. Lloyd and Bishop Brooke went to Wyandotte yesterday afternoon, returning this morning. Bishop Brooke left on the flyer for South McAlester.

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A WHEAT WIZARD.

No Such Word as Failure For The Afton Man.

M. L. Patterson, probably the most successful wheat farmer of this country, living near Afton, has made his usual strike again this year. On the Crowell farm he has a fine crop and it is reported has an offer of 95 cents a bushel, for seed. It is calculated that on the Crowell and the Henry Ballard place Mr. Patterson will have six or seven thousand bushels of wheat. Regardless of the season or what his neighbors do, "Pat" makes a wheat crop, year after year.

A Smart Actor.

A German dramatic author tells a good story of an improvised monologue to which he had to listen on the occasion of the first production of a new comedy. The hero had finished a tolerably long speech, and at that precise moment a medical man ought to have emerged from the wings, but he did not emerge.

"Ah, here comes the doctor!" began the hero afresh, in order to fill up the time, and he stared anxiously in the direction of the "prompt" side of the stage.

"But how slowly he walks! One would imagine that there was no need for hurry. Now he has positively stopped to talk to a lady! What can he have to say to her! At last he is once more on his way. No—now he has stopped to talk to a man. Why, the doctor knows everybody! Here he comes again. Thank heaven!"

At that moment the doctor entered, but from the opposite side.

For an instant the hero was taken a little aback, but with admirable coolness he recovered himself, and as he greeted the visitor he exclaimed:

"How did you get round the corner so quickly, doctor?"—Nuggets.

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